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ONE PENNY.

FRED FISHER AND ROOM'S NOVICE.

These lads fight in the Midland District next week for £25 a side.

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OF SATURDAY NEXT.

NAPOLEON, THE WIZARD DOG.

NAPOLEON, THE WIZARD DOG, is a beautiful jet black, has limbs like a lion, and is perfect in symmetry in every point. He stands thirty-one inches high, measures forty-seven inches round the chest, eleven inches round the fore legs, and seventy-nine inches from the end of his nose to the tip of his tail. His head is noble and handsome, full of intelligence, such as a Landseer would paint. This accounts for the extraordinary sagacity displayed in his performance. We are informed by his owner, Mr. Van Hare, proprietor and patentee of the Magic Circus, that his memory is so good that he never requires to be shown any new trick more than once. He has been known to perform a trick which he has not done for twelve months without the least difficulty. Synopsis of his entertainment.—He spells his own name with letters; also that of the Prince of Wales; and when he is asked what he would say of her Most Gracious Majesty, he puts down letters to form "God save the Queen." He plays any gentleman a game at cards, and performs the celebrated three-card trick, upon which his master backs him at 100 to 1. Also "The Disappearance," à la Robin. He performs in the circus the same as a trick horse, *en liberté*, giving the Spanish trot to music, also leaping over bars, through balloons, with numerous other tricks of a most interesting character.

MR. BONNER, OF BOSTON.

HENRY BONNER is a native of Boston, in Lincolnshire, and has greatly distinguished himself by saving the lives of eleven persons at different times. The following list of persons rescued by Mr. Bonner will justify the insertion of his portrait in our paper, and warrant the encomiums passed on his gallant conduct by the Duke of Argyll.—Four men at Skegness, driving out to sea, in

1842; two men at Hamstanton, 1845; one boy at Lynn, 1846; woman and child in the river Witham, on a very dark night in December, 1849; one boy in Barge Drain, 1854; one boy in Boston Haven, November 24, 1856.

At the eighth anniversary of the Royal Humane Society Mr. Bonner was presented with a large silver medal and clasp, accompanied by the following complimentary remarks of the noble President:—"The cases were deeply interesting, and it may be a gratification to many to mention that the first case recorded for reward, before all the gentlemen connected with the various distinguished and learned professions of the country, was that of a licensed victualler, Mr. Henry Bonner, of the Lord Nelson Inn, High-street, Boston, who plunged, from a wall thirty feet high, into water fourteen feet deep, on a dark night, and with a strong tide running at the time, and rescued a boy who had accidentally fallen into the water; and this was the eleventh life that Mr. Bonner had saved under similar circumstances."

Mr. Bonner may well be proud of the good which he has done, and the recognition he has received.

KIRK STABLES, THE FAR-FAMED KNURR AND SPELL CHAMPION OF YORKSHIRE.

KIRK STABLES stands 8ft 10in, weighs 13st; he first saw the light at Horsforth, near Leeds, on the 18th of August, 1837; consequently he is now twenty-five years of age, and by trade he is a millwright. The following is a list of his performances:—When about eighteen years of age he defeated Joseph Coward, for £10 a side, on Saturday, at Holbeck; Moss defeated him again on the Monday following for £20 a side; was beat by Jonas Farrar, of Bailey, on Hunnet Moor, for £25 a side, losing by a score. His next gave a rise to Job Pearson (alias Nelly), and beat him on Woodhouse Moor for £15 a side; they played again on Woodhouse Moor for £20 a side; Pearson received fifteen score to begin with, and won the match; defeated James Hollings, of Bradford, giving him ten score, for £25 a side, at Quarry Gap; was beaten by Dan Jackson, of Dewsbury, at Hunnet Moor, for £25 a side; again defeated Nelly on Baildon Moor, for £25 a side. Next came a rather unusual match between the same opponents at three games, viz.—At quilts, braces, and knurr and spell, at the Cardigan Arms, Leeds, for £50 a side; Stables won two out of the three games, and was again successful; defeated James Child, of Horsforth, on Baildon Moor, for £20 a side; defeated Child again, staking £40 to £20 a week afterwards, at the Cardigan Arms, Leeds; defeated Charles Raistrick, of Bradford, on Baildon Moor, for £25 a side; gave the same opponent five score, and defeated him, for £25 a side, at the Cardigan Arms, Leeds; gave twenty score and defeated Joseph Lancaster, of Hunnet, for £20 a side, at the Cardigan Arms; was beaten by Joseph Coward, two score, for £50 a side, at the Cardigan Arms; defeated Joseph Coward by twenty-three score, for £50 a side, at Peels Park, Bradford. He next defeated, by three score, William Sutcliffe (alias Bill at Mount), for the Championship and £50 a side, at the Cardigan Arms; defeated Sutcliffe again for £20 a side on Don-

ter Race Course, since which time he has rested on his well merited laurels until Coward's friends accepted ten score rises for £50 a side, which match takes place to-day (Saturday), on Hingley Moor. In conclusion we only wish there may be a fair field, no favour, and the best man win. From adding up the amounts played for by Kirk Stables, it will be found that he has won £405, and lost £120 in matches, leaving £285 as clear winnings. Neat copies of the above photographs can be had by applying to Kirk Stables, at the Albion Inn, Upper Wortley, near Leeds.

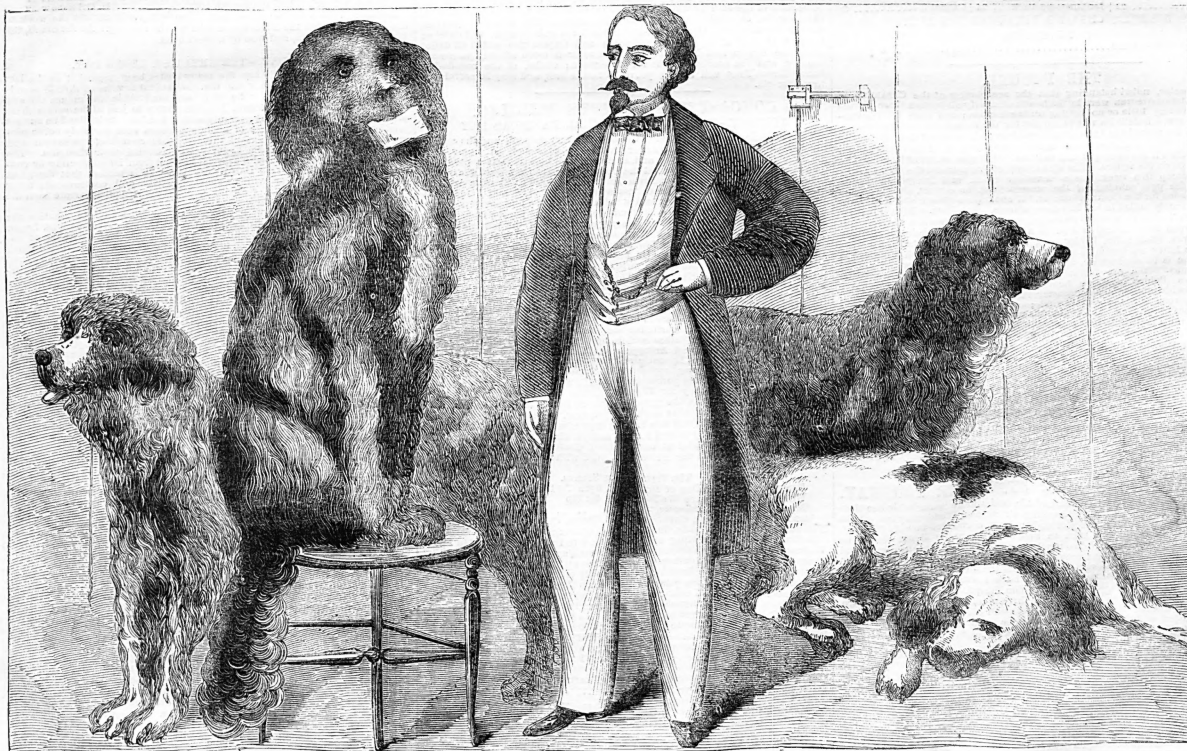
WRESTLING.

GREAT MATCH BETWEEN CROSS AND NEWTON.

ON Saturday last there was a fair attendance of the admirers of this athletic game at Mr. Hayer's, Copenhagen Grounds, Newton Heath, near Manchester, to witness a match between John Cross, of Ashton, and Joseph Newton (alias Teapot) of Salfordbridge; Cross to be catch-weight, and Newton not to exceed 6 score 19lb, the articles stipulating they were to wrestle the best of three back falls, Lancashire fashion, catch as catch can, for £25 a side, neither man to be rabbed with any reate, grass, or other perniciou drugs; all foul acts to be barred out. Mr. Holden, of the White Lion, Long Millgate, was appointed stakeholder, and Bouff, the well known wrestler, was selected referee. The betting was 2 and 5 to 1 on Newton, but soon after the commencement 5 to 4 was freely taken by the partisans of Cross. At the time appointed Newton entered the arena, accompanied by the once celebrated Barrel and Robin Clough as umpires, while Cross had secured the services of Robert Ross, of Waterloo, and Little Watty, of Ashton. All being in readiness, the men shook hands and began business, when it was soon evident that the men were equally balanced and that it would be a long, slashing affair, which it turned out to be, as Newton rolled over his opponent after struggling for one hour and twelve minutes. The men then rested ten minutes, during which time some speculation took place. The referee calling time, both men attended to the call, and, after some very good wrestling for twenty-five minutes, Newton again brought Cross to grief, and was consequently declared the winner, after one of the best matches ever witnessed in these parts.

GREAT MATCH FOR £200.—ACTON AND MEADOWCROFT.—John Meadowcroft, of Radcliffe, and Jos Acton, of Hurst, are matched to wrestle the best of three back falls at the City Grounds, Bradford, Manchester, for £100 a side, on September 27th. Acton to be 6 score 4lb, and Meadowcroft 6 score 6lb. Mr. Holden is appointed stakeholder and referee; and he now has £40 a side, to be made into £50 a side to-day (Saturday) at Mr. Holden's.

THE YORK ATHLETIC SPORTS AND FOOTBALL CLUB.—A general meeting of the members of this club was held on Monday evening, at which it was decided that the annual athletic sports should take place on the 6th of October next.

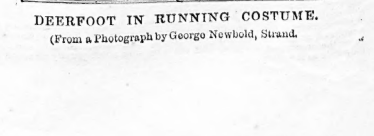


MR. VAN HARE AND HIS CELEBRATED PERFORMING DOG "NAPOLEON."

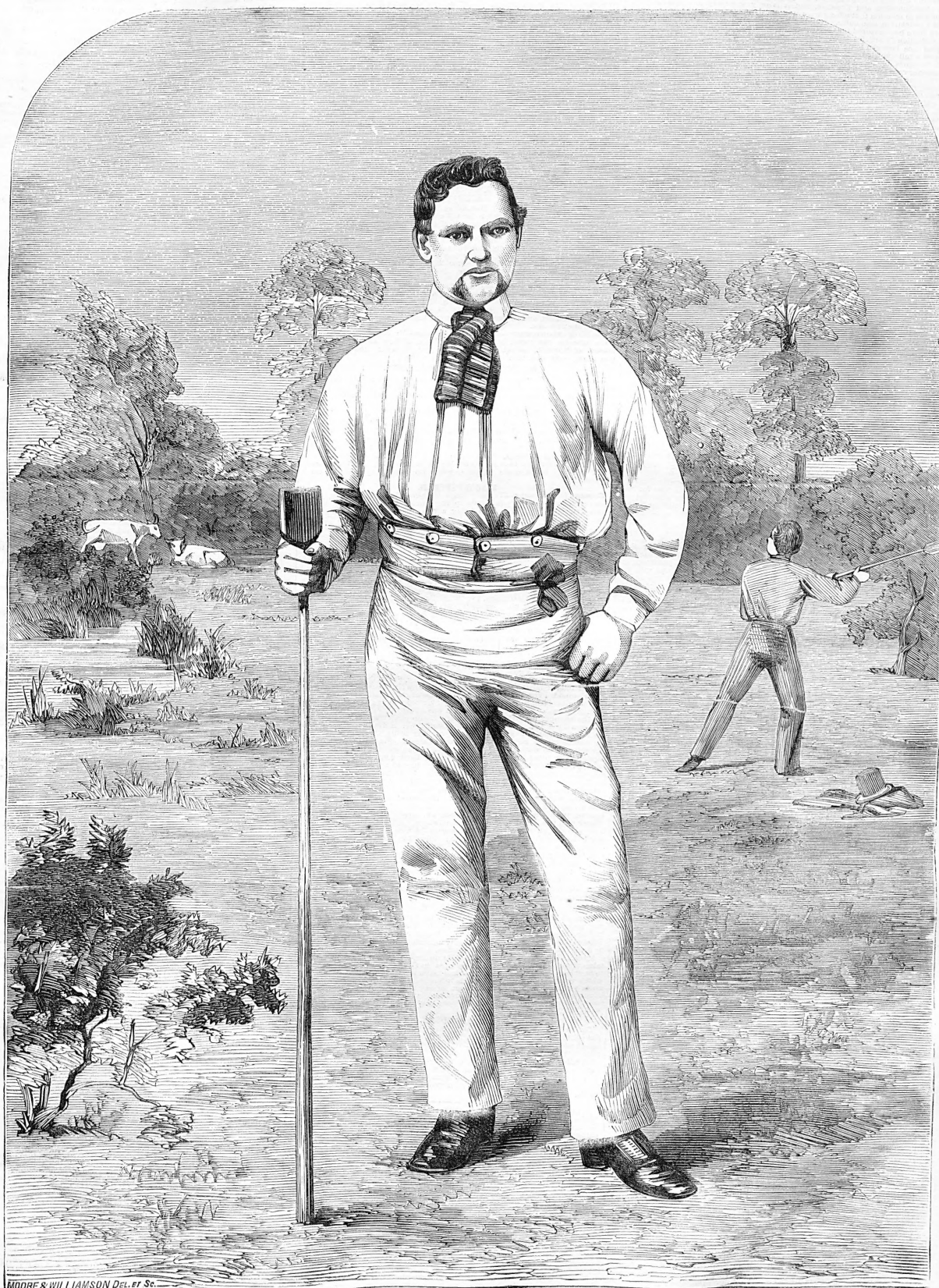
(From a Photograph.)

BILLIARDS.—A match at billiards will be played between two gentlemen amateurs, for £10, at Mr. Jeffries', Salmon and Compasses, Penton-street, Pen-
n-ville, on Thursday next, September 25th. There will doubtless be a large
muster of the friends of the gentlemen to witness the affair.

(From a Photograph by George Newbold, Strand.)



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KIRK STABLES, THE FAR-FAMED KNURR AND SPELL CHAMPION OF YORKSHIRE.
(From a Photograph taken by John Eastham, of St. Ann's-square, Manchester.)

